



H.Res. 1020 – Recognizing the tremendous service that members of the Armed Forces have given to the Nation, especially those who have been wounded in combat

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1020 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Peter Welch (D-VT) on March 4, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1020 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 8, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1020 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the tremendous service that our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have given to the Nation, especially those who have sustained injury in combat;
- Is committed to providing wounded warriors with the highest quality medical care available, and to supporting wounded members of all Armed Forces and their families during their recovery;
- Commends the actions of private citizens and organizations who volunteer their continued support to America's wounded warriors; and
- Encourages Members and all citizens to take steps to show support and appreciation for returning troops, especially those who have been wounded.

BACKGROUND

More than 1,600,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom since September 2001. More than 30,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have been wounded in battle.

Advances in battlefield medicine have resulted in hundreds of lives being saved. According to Dr. Frazier Glenn, principal assistant for research and technology for U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, soldiers have an almost a 92 percent survivability rate after receiving care from wounds in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. In comparison, soldiers had just under an 84 percent survivability rate in Vietnam and almost 81 percent in World War II.

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